

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) CASE NO. 06-551M
Plaintiff,)
v.)
MELVIN CHARLES SLAUGHTER,)
Defendant.)
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DETENTION ORDER

Offense charged:

Bank Fraud (4 counts)

Date of Detention Hearing: October 18, 2006

17 The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and
18 based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds
19 that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably assure
20 the appearance of defendant as required and the safety of other persons and the community.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

22 (1) Defendant is charged by complaint with four counts of bank fraud beginning in

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01 2004 and continuing until on or about September 28, 2006.

02 (2) Defendant's record includes both a lengthy juvenile and adult criminal history. He
03 has a 2004 perjury charge. His record includes multiple failure to appear for hearings. He is
04 associated with three alias names and two dates of birth.

05 (3) The AUSA proffers that some of the alleged offending conduct occurred while the
06 defendant was already under investigation for some of the bank fraud charges set forth in the
07 complaint, and after he had been appointed counsel. He had been arrested and released from
08 custody when the subsequent offending conduct allegedly occurred.

09 (4) The AUSA proffers that the employment which defendant has secured should he
10 be released is with an employer who is an unindicted co-conspirator in this case, and with a
11 company that is being investigated for mortgage fraud in a separate investigation.

12 (5) The weight of the evidence in this case is strong, in that defendant allegedly has
13 confessed.

14 (6) The defendant poses a risk of nonappearance due to association with alias names
15 and dates of birth, a history of failing to appear, some discrepant information provided during the
16 pretrial interview, use of a controlled substance, and an outstanding bench warrant. He poses a
17 risk of danger based on the nature of the current charges, allegations in the complaint that he
18 threatened a potential witness, his criminal history, and the allegations of additional criminal
19 behavior while the instant investigation was pending.

20 (7) There does not appear to be any condition or combination of conditions that will
21 reasonably assure the defendant's appearance at future Court hearings while addressing the danger
22 to other persons or the community.

01 It is therefore ORDERED:

02 (1) Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the
03 Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent
04 practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody
05 pending appeal;

06 (2) Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with
07 counsel;

08 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the
09 Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is
10 confined shall deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of
11 an appearance in connection with a court proceeding; and

12 (4) The clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to
13 counsel for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United States
14 Pretrial Services Officer.

15 DATED this 18th day of October, 2006.

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17 Mary Alice Theiler
18 United States Magistrate Judge